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I object to the proposed regulations, which would allow siting of dangerous nuclear facilities close to my residence. Our community is already dealing with groundwater contaminated with PFAS "forever chemicals;" we certainly do not want to open the door to radioactive leaks into our environment.

Where reactors are allowed, they need greater oversight and accountability than proposed, given serious health and safety concerns with micronuclear reactors.

Even a very small reactor contains enough radioactive material to cause a big problem if it is sabotaged, and none of the so-called micro reactors have been demonstrated to be safe enough to function without operators. A single microreactor core would contain about 10 nuclear weapons' worth of nuclear and radioactive material.

Opening the door to nuclear power in Alaska is unwise and dangerous. The nuclear industry is not a solution for our energy needs. It is well-documented that nuclear energy is expensive, dangerous, and clearly linked to severe health and environmental degradation. Please take no action to adopt these regulations.